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November 2014 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: Dec 4th and January 1 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: November 22nd at 8 am. Consult our website (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705)

General Announcements

The 2014 club calendar is up on the website (see link above). As always, it may be updated as new things come up, but we hope these changes will be minimal. Be sure to take a look at the calendar before you head out to the range, and pay special attention to which events allow general shooting while the event is going on. We don't want you to waste your time or fuel driving out to the range if you won't be able to shoot.

Match Reports: TCMSA will be holding a **Highpower** match shooting clinic on December 13, 2014. Our intent with this event is to help anyone interested in starting or already shooting in one or more of the highpower match disciplines that we currently hold at TCMSA. If you are interested in attending this event, contact Dave Baalman (509-528-0813) or Gaylord Baker (509-628-9044) for more info.

A **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)**: the Oct 4th CMP had 12 shooters: 8 cmp and 4 anyany. Oct 11th .22 match had 16 shooters—we have room for 20 before we need 2 relays. The Nov 1st CMP had 9 shooters: 7 cmp and 2 anyany. Nov 15 is the next .22 match. 9 am, 40 rds/score, free. The Oct 25 Benchrest match had 12 shooters. The Oct 18 Sporting match had 3 shooters. **The next Benchrest is Nov 29, 9 am—range closed 8-1.**

There will be a CMP match clinic on Sat Dec. 13th. It will cover CMP-anyany-sporting. There will be about 1 hr in the Griggs classroom, and then will proceed to the range. Many are interested in shooting these disciplines, but don't know much about them. It will be free to members and juniors, and a \$2 target fee for non-members. The time till follow—when he knows when the classroom free. Contact Gaylord-Dave if interested—to judge interest.

Safety Committee Report: There were 137 shooters, with 10 teachable moments—1:14 ratio. This is better than some, but not the best. The program will start again in the spring. Let Dave know if you're willing to volunteer. You get work party credit, and a gift card for each shift—Griggs, Sportsman's, Ranch & Home.

Safety reminder: Make sure you **aren't shooting steel core or armor piercing bullets** on steel targets, or poppers (spring loaded steel targets) as these will destroy or shorten the lifespan of these targets because they were designed to withstand copper clad lead or plain lead ammo (not steel core ammo).

With regards to the extremely dry conditions, make sure you don't use any tracers, exploding bullets, or exploding targets, and watch those cigarette & cigar butts. There are butt cans all along the firing line for your use.

The **safety advisor program** is still in need of more volunteers. Because it seems to be just the same few people volunteering, the club has authorized a new incentive program. For each safety advisor shift that they work, volunteers will receive a \$25 gift card for a local sporting goods store. Safety advisor volunteers need to have been a member of the club for at least 2 years, or have shot in at least 6 club sanctioned matches, or otherwise be able to demonstrate extensive experience in operating an organized firing facility, such as military or law enforcement experience. Safety advisors are at the range on Fridays & weekends during peak use hours, and can shoot during their shifts. The main duty is just to watch the line and educate any members who need some extra coaching on the rules or general safety. We all need to be our brothers' keepers, and if you're going out to shoot anyway, you might as well be willing to put on a vest for a few hrs. Also, when making the range cold, make sure to really 'lay' on the horn—just a tap might not be enough, we're all getting older and hearing is starting to fade. Dave said the SA program ran through Oct 12th. This coincided with the opening of the general hunting season. If you want some more information or want to volunteer, contact Dave Baalman at 783-4141, or Wayne Rowett at 783-4470, or send an email to the club address.

Range Report: The range will be closed Nov 20 and 21. The steel will be removed on Thursday and the berm maintenance work will be done on Friday. On Sat Nov 22nd there will be a work party-to assemble all the steel and re-construct the range. We are hoping for a good turn-out, as there will be LOTS to do. Bring any tools helpful-especially post hole diggers. Greg will also get some steel scrap and make some new target frames.

New Business: The Pasco Police will be using the range for night training on Wed Nov 19 from 4pm-11pm. 2015 calendar requests will be sent to a specific [email—calendar2015@tcmsa.org](mailto:calendar2015@tcmsa.org). These can be sent starting Dec 15th. Club sponsored events will have priority. Dave Baalman said the handling of the sign-in sheets-collecting, collecting data, saving/storing is quite a job. A volunteer to deal with this could get work party credit—replace-collect-scan to thumb drive for storage, so as not to have hundreds of sheets of paper to store. Contact Dave if interested. He also spoke about a planned mini-class concerning CMP matches and equipment. It would be some classroom and some range. It would probably be in early Dec, to be able to get this classroom. It would be free to members and juniors, and a target fee would be charged for others. To get an idea of degree of interest-please contact Gaylord if interested.

Reminder: we're looking for someone to fulfill webmaster duties. They need the ability to email over 700 members at once. We will hire, if needed. This is vital to the club's success. We need someone that can give us 24hr turn-around on calendar/member notifications.

Also, nominations for all officer positions, and 2 board slots will be open at the Dec meeting. The elections will be at the Jan meeting.

Clay pigeon shooting in the rifle area was approved in November's meeting. The details will be worked out regarding signage, what area, what yardage, clay position on the berm, etc.

From the floor, a member asked about a shoot sponsored by the FB group-Building ARs-on Dec 4th, to coincide with start of initiative I-594. This would be OK for club members and their guests; not an open to the public event. They had not determined a time.

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So the ATF answers the question on 80% completed AR15 receivers...response is not exactly what the gun community, in general, understood...worth reading...plus added bonus is info on what the requirements to apply for a Federal firearms License (FFL)... <http://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/atf-answers-critical-questions-80-percent-receivers-legal-firearms/>

Stay safe, keep your powder dry and we'll see you at the range!

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